MARINE CORPS TERMINOLOGY
I AM DRILL INSTRUCTOR SERGEANT MYERS! YOU WILL NO LONGER USE CIVILIAN TERMS!
FROM HERE ON, YOU WILL USE MARINE TERMS!
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LADDER-WELL, MA'AM!
POINT
THESE AREN'T "STAIRS". THEY'RE "LADDER-WELLS!"
SAY IT!
BAM
THIS IS NO LONGER A "WALL." IT IS A "BULKHEAD!"
BULK-HEAD, MA'AM!
SAY IT!
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DO YOU KNOW WHY MARINES USE THESE TERMS?
DECK, MA'AM !
STOMP
SAY IT!
THIS ISN'T A "FLOOR" IT'S A "DECK."
RACKS, MA'AM !
YOU DON'T SLEEP IN "BEDS." THEY'RE "RACKS." SAY IT!
AND "LEFT SIDE" IS NOW "PORT SIDE."
THE "RIGHT SIDE" IS NOW "STAR-BOARD SIDE."
OH!
DING!

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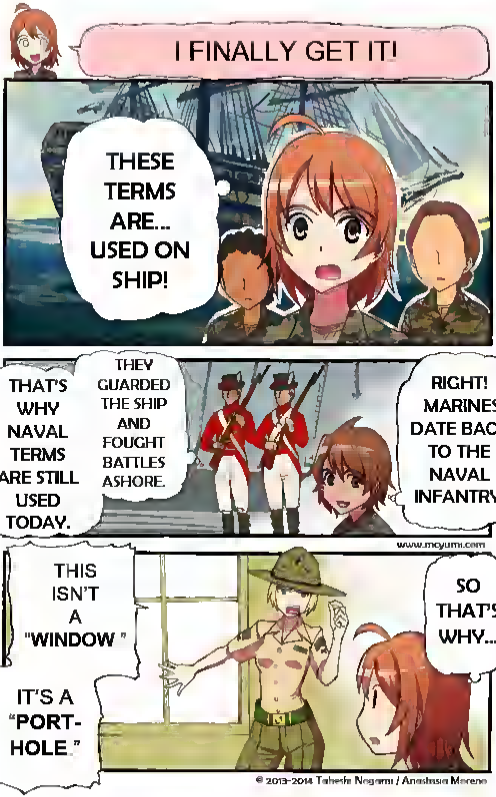
I FINALLY GET IT!
THESE TERMS ARE... USED ON SHIP!
THAT'S WHY NAVAL TERMS ARE STILL USED TODAY.
THEY GUARDED THE SHIP AND FOUGHT BATTLES ASHORE.
RIGHT! MARINES DATE BACK TO THE NAVAL INFANTRY.
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THIS ISN'T A "WINDOW."
IT'S A "PORT-HOLE."
SO THAT'S WHY...
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I GET TO WORK AT SEA!
SO THE NAVAL TERMS MIGHT SOUND A LITTLE STRANGE.
DUH
NOWADAYS, MARINES ARE "FIRST TO FIGHT" MORE ON LAND THAN SHIPS...
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GLOW
SHE'S CRAZY.
THIS IS GREAT JOB!
THAT MEANS... ME CAN PLAY WITH DOLPHINS SOMEDAY.
QUEE

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Learning Marine terms and saying proper phrases when requesting things from the Drill Instructor was similar to learning a new foreign language.

But the sad part was learning boot camp-specific terms — like moonbeams (flashlight) and go-fasters (running shoes) — that weren't actually used in the fleet (outside of boot camp.) I wonder if it's another version of mind f-ck?

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